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# OFFICE OF DEVOTION,

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# Liturgy,

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## With Prayers for the Opening and Close of Meetings

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# OFFICE OF DEVOTION

AT THE

## OPENING OF THE SCHOOL.

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*The Minister, Superintendent, or some other person, shall say, all standing,*

Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth. Eccles. xii. 1.

Worship the Lord thy God, and serve him alone. Matt. iv. 10.

For God so loved the world, as to give his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but should have everlasting life. John iii. 16.

I will arise and go to my Father, and will say unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven and before thee, and am no more worthy to be called thy son. Luke xv. 18, 19.

### THE EXHORTATION.

Dearly beloved children, you have assembled and met together to receive instruction, in order that

you may acquire that religious knowledge which will make you wise unto salvation. You ought to come with humble and serious hearts, in the fear of God, and in humble dependence on his grace. Remember that his all-seeing eye is upon you, and that all your thoughts and actions are known to him. It is, therefore, your duty to look up to him for the assistance of his Holy Spirit, that you may worship him with reverence, truly confess your sins to him, and implore his pardon, through the mediation of Jesus Christ our Saviour; devoutly kneeling, and saying:

CONFESSION.

Almighty and most merciful Father: We have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against thy holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; And we have done those things which we ought not to have done: And there is no health in us. But thou O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare thou those, O God, who confess their faults. Restore thou those who are penitent; According to thy promises declared unto mankind, in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake; That we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life; To the glory of thy holy name. *Amen.*

Grant to us, Lord, we beseech thee, pardon and peace, that we may be cleansed from all our sins, and

serve thee with a quiet mind, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*The Minister or leader of the devotions shall then say, the children repeating after him :*

Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven; Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil; For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

*Then shall be said:*

*Min.* O Lord, open thou our lips:
*Chil.* And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

*Then shall be said, all standing, alternately by the Minister or leader and children, the following*

PSALM.

1. Blessed is the man that feareth the Lord; that delighteth greatly in his commandments.

2. *Blessed are they that keep his testimonies; and seek him with their whole heart.*

3. Mark the perfect man, and behold the upright, for the end of that man is peace.

4. *As for the transgressors, they shall perish together, and the end of the ungodly is; they shall be rooted out at the last.*

5. O Lord, thou hast searched me, and known me.

6. *Thou knowest my down-sitting, and mine up-rising; thou understandest my thoughts afar off.*

7. Thou compassest my path and my lying down, and art acquainted with all my ways.

8. *For there is not a word in my tongue, but lo! O Lord thou knowest it altogether.*

9. Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me and know my thoughts.

10. *And see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.*

11. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

12. *As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.*

*Then shall be read, the children being seated, a short lesson from the Old or New Testament; after which, all standing up, the Creed shall be said by the Minister or leader, the children repeating after him:*

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth: and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the Holy Catholic Church; the Communion of Saints; the Forgiveness of sins;

the Resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. *Amen.*

*Min.* The Lord be with you.

*Chil.* And with thy spirit.

*Then shall be said the following prayers, all kneeling:*

*Min.* Let us pray.

*Min.* O Lord show thy mercy upon us.

*Chil.* And grant us thy salvation.

*Min.* O God, make clean our hearts within us;

*Chil.* And take not thy holy Spirit from us.

*Min.* Almighty and everlasting God, from whom cometh every good and perfect gift, send down upon us the healthful spirit of thy grace. Bless, we humbly beseech thee, the means which are used to bring up these children in thy fear and service. May they from the heart believe in thee, the Lord their God, and worship and serve thee, God the Father, who hath made them and all the world; God the Son, who hath redeemed them and all mankind; God the Holy Ghost, who sanctifieth them and all the people of God. Grant them the continual aids of thy grace, that they may renounce the devil and all his works, the pomps and vanities of this wicked world, and all the sinful lusts of the flesh, and may keep thy holy will and commandments all the days of their life. Lord of all power and might, who art the author and giver of all good things, graft in their hearts the love of thy name; increase in them true religion; nourish them with all goodness; and of thy great mercy

keep them in the same, that so they may in the end obtain everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O Lord, we beseech thee, let thy continual pity cleanse and defend thy church, and because it cannot continue in safety without thy succour, preserve it evermore by thy help and goodness, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Grant, O Lord, to all bishops and other ministers the healthful spirit of thy grace, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy sacraments, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Direct us, O Lord, in all our doings, with thy most gracious favor; and further us with thy continual help, that in all our works begun, continued, and ended in thee, we may glorify thy holy name, and finally, by thy mercy, obtain everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*Or these*:

Almighty and everliving God, who hast built thy Church upon the foundation of the Apostles and Prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner-stone; grant that, by the operation of the Holy Ghost, all Christians may be so joined together in unity of Spirit, and in the bond of peace, that they may be a holy temple acceptable unto thee. *Amen.*

Grant, O Lord, to all bishops and other ministers, the healthful spirit of thy grace, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and

lively word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy sacraments. *Amen.*

Grant, O Lord, that whosoever shall be dedicated to thee in baptism, may be sanctified by the Holy Ghost, delivered from thy wrath and eternal death, and received as living members of Christ's Church, and may ever remain in the number of thy faithful children. *Amen.*

Grant, O Lord, that whosoever shall renew and ratify their baptismal vows and promises in the ordinance of confirmation, may be defended by thy heavenly grace, and continue thine for ever, daily increasing in thy Holy Spirit more and more, until they come unto thy everlasting kingdom. *Amen.*

Grant, O Lord, that whosoever shall receive the blessed sacrament of the body and blood of Christ, may come to that holy ordinance with penitence, faith, and charity; and being filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, may, to their great and endless comfort, obtain remission of their sins, and all other benefits of his passion. *Amen.*

Grant, O Lord, that whosoever shall draw near to thee in thy holy temple, to hear thy sacred word, to give thanks to thee for the benefits which they have reeeived at thy hands, to set forth thy most worthy praise, to confess their sins unto thee, and to ask such things as are requisite and necessary as well for the body as for the soul, may be enabled to come with such steadiness of faith, with such holy purposes, and with such seriousness, affection, and devotion,

that their bounden duty and service may be acceptable in thy sight. *Amen.*

And grant, O Lord, to all thy people, thy heavenly grace, and especially to these children, here assembled in thy name and presence. Bless, we humbly beseech thee, the means which are used, to train them up in thy fear and service. May they, from the heart, believe in thee, the Lord their God; and worship and serve thee, their Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier. Grant them the continual aids of thy grace, that they may renounce the devil and all his works, the pomps and vanities of this wicked world, and all the sinful desires of the flesh, and keep thy holy will and commandments, and walk in the same, all the days of their life. Graft in their hearts the love of thy name; increase in them true religion; nourish them with all goodness; and by thy great mercy, keep them in the same, that so, in the end, they may obtain everlasting life. *Amen.*

We ask for all these mercies in the name and for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with the Father and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

*Or these.*

Almighty and everlasting God, forasmuch as without thee, we are not able to please thee, grant us the aid of thy heavenly grace, in the important duties in which we are now to be engaged. Look graciously and favourably, O merciful Father, upon the members of this school. Let thy good Spirit assist

their instructors to form in their minds the principles of religion and virtue, to teach them to remember thee, their Creator, in the days of their youth, and to train them up in thy fear and service. May they from the heart believe in thee, the Lord their God; and worship and serve thee their Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier. Bless them, O Lord, in their studies. Give them quickness to comprehend, and memory to retain, the instructions which they may here receive. Make them dutiful and obedient to their teachers, humble and reverent to their superiors. Deliver them from sloth, idleness and evil company, from all danger both of soul or body, and help them daily as they grow in stature, like their Divine Lord, to grow also in wisdom, and in favour with God and man. Grant this, we beseech thee, through Jesus Christ our Mediator and Redeemer. *Amen.*

O Lord, From whom cometh every good and perfect gift, make such as are teachers of these scholars sensible of the great charge which is committed to their trust. Endue them plenteously with heavenly gifts, and dispose them to rejoice and labour with perseverance in this opportunity of training up the young in the way they should go, that when they are old they may not depart from it. Be with these children, O Lord, in all places and upon all occasions. Direct and guide them, sanctify and preserve them, keep them from profaning this sacred day, which thou hast set apart for thy more immediate worship and service. Grant them the continual aids of thy

grace, that they may renounce the devil and all his works, the pomps and vanities of this wicked world, and all the sinful desires of the flesh, and obediently keeping thy holy will and commandments, and walking in the same all the days of their lives, may be instruments of thy glory, by doing good in their generation. Graft in their hearts the love of thy name; increase in them true religion; nourish them with all goodness, and by thy great mercy keep them in the same, that so when they have served thee faithfully in this world they may hereafter be made partakers of everlasting happiness in that which is to come, through the merits and for the sake of Jesus Christ our Saviour, to whom, with the Father and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

*Or these:*

O Lord, our most merciful Redeemer, who didst take up little children in thy arms and bless them; look down graciously on us, and bless us also. We confess that we are miserable sinners—we have erred and strayed from thee like lost sheep. But, O Lord, have mercy on us, turn us and so shall we be turned, and wash away all our guilt in the blood of Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and advocate. *Amen.*

Father of mercies, who out of the mouths of babes and sucklings hast ordained praise, fill our hearts, we beseech thee, with love, and our lips with thanksgiving. To thy goodness we owe every blessing we enjoy; thou art succouring us by day and by night,

and giving us food, and health, and raiment; we bless thee for these thy mercies towards us, but above all, we bless thee for the redeeming love of Christ, for all the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. Accept these our praises through thy beloved Son, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

O God, the Creator and preserver of all mankind, we beseech thee for all sorts and conditions of men. Bless the President of the United States, and all other magistrates. Let thy blessing descend also upon all bishops and other clergy, and may thy kingdom be established in the hearts of all people. Look down in mercy on our relations and friends, and teach them to value thy favour above life itself. Finally, we beseech thee to bless us, even us also; help us to improve the hours we spend in this place; make us obedient to our teachers, and affectionate to our companions.

Especially bless us on this holy day; may thy presence accompany us to thy house of prayer, enabling us to worship thee in a spiritual manner, and preventing us from being drowsy or forgetful hearers of thy word.

Open our understandings to understand the holy scriptures. Endue our souls with every holy disposition, and preserve us from the corruptions and evils which are in the world; we ask every blessing for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Saviour. *Amen.*

*Then shall the Minister or leader conclude with this prayer:*

Unto thy gracious mercy and protection, O God, we commit ourselves and all our friends, relatives, and brethren. O Lord, bless and keep us. O Lord, make thy face to shine upon us, and be gracious unto us. O Lord, lift up the light of thy countenance upon us, and grant us peace now and for evermore. *Amen*

*Or:*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

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## OFFICE OF DEVOTION

### AT THE CLOSING OF THE SCHOOL.

*Minister or leader.* The Lord be with you.
*Children.* And with thy spirit.

*Minister.* Let us pray.

Grant, we besecch thee, Almighty God, that thy blessing may accompany the instruction which these children have this day received, and that it may, by thy grace, be so grafted in their hearts, as to bring forth in them the fruit of good living, to the honour and praise of thy name and the salvation of their own souls. *Amen.*

And as thou hast promised to hear the petitions of those who ask in thy Son's name, we beseech thee mercifully to incline thine ears unto our prayers and supplications; and grant that those things which we have faithfully asked, according to thy will, may effectually be obtained; to the relief of our necessity, and the setting forth of thy glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord; in whose perfect form of words we sum up these our petitions:

Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil; For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

*Or this:*

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we humbly beseech thee to look in mercy upon all the members of this school. Grant that thy blessing may accompany the instruction which these children have this day received, and that it may by thy grace be so grafted in their hearts as to bring forth in them the fruit of good living, to the honour and praise of thy name, and the salvation of their own souls. Teach them,

Almighty God, to believe in thee, and to love thee with all their heart, to worship thee, and to give thee thanks, to honor thy holy name and word, and to serve thee truly all the days of their lives. Bestow thy blessing upon their instructors, and enable them so to discharge their duties as may advance the best interests of those committed to their care, and with a single eye to thy glory. Show thy mercy, O God, to the whole world. Let all who have received the gospel of thy Son, live as becomes it, and extend its light and its blessings to those who are sitting in darkness. Prosper every effort which is made to promote its knowledge and its influence, till all thy dispersed children, being brought into thy Holy Church, shall hold the faith in the unity of the Spirit, in the bond of peace, and in the righteousness of life. Be gracious and favorable to us that are here before thee. Pardon our manifold transgressions. Defend us by night and by day. Build us up in thy most holy faith. Unite us in the bonds of Christian love. Preserve us from the wickedness that is in the world, and make us to be a peculiar people, zealous of good works. These and all other necessaries for ourselves, our friends, relatives, and brethren, and the whole Church, we humbly beg in the name and mediation of Jesus Christ, our blessed Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

## PRAYER,

*Proper to be used at the opening of Meetings of Sunday School Teachers. It may be used by the* MINISTER, *by omitting all in brackets.*

[Proper also to be frequently used in private by Teachers individually, the fitting changes being made from the plural to the singular number]

ALMIGHTY GOD, and most merciful Father, who vouldst have all men to come to the knowledge of he truth and be saved, and to this end didst establish thy holy Church, and commission therein a minstry to extend the knowledge and means of salvaion through thy Son our Saviour JESUS CHRIST; [we hank thee that we have been appointed, as humble gents of that ministry, to co-operate with them in mparting to the young and ignorant a knowledge f those principles of the doctrine of CHRIST whence he Christian may go on unto perfection. Give us, e beseech thee, such qualifications as befit our office. Iake us modest, humble, and constant, in the disharge of its duties. May we ever have before our yes our responsibility, here, to those to whom, as he ministry of thy Church, thou hast committed he feeding of the sheep and lambs of thy flock, and ereafter to that good Shepherd who gave his life for hem.] Give us the wisdom and knowledge which re needful to direct us in the faithful and successful ischarge of our duties, and endue us with zeal and evotion, to animate, encourage, and sustain us. Touch our hearts with Christian compassion for the

ignorant, and them that are out of the way. May the love of CHRIST constrain us to do what we may, within our proper sphere, to bring them unto Him, that being here instructed in heavenly knowledge, and sanctified by divine grace, they may hereafter be saved through Him eternally. And while thus, O heavenly Father, we are made humble instruments in promoting the spiritual and eternal welfare of others, save us from the guilty inconsistency of being indifferent to our own. Graft in our hearts the love of thy name; enlighten our minds more and more with the light of the everlasting Gospel; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and of thy great mercy, keep us in the same. And grant O LORD, that in all the deliberations, and all the duties, proper to our office, we may be so directed with thy most gracious favor, and furthered with thy continual help, that we may be rendered instrumental to the advancement of thy glory, the good order and welfare of thy Church, and the spiritual and eternal benefit of our fellow-men. All which we ask through JESUS CHRIST, our blessed Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

Our Father, &c.

The grace of our LORD, &c.

## PRAYERS,

*Proper to be used at the close of Meetings of Sunday School Teachers. They may be used by the* MINISTER, *by omitting all in brackets.*

LET thy blessing, we humbly beseech thee, O LORD, rest upon the exercises and deliberations in which we have now been engaged. May they tend to interest us still more heartily and faithfully in the work to which we are appointed, [in aid of the pastors of thy Church.] Grant this, O Father, for JESUS CHRIST's sake, our only Mediator and Redeemer. *Amen.*

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ALMIGHTY and most merciful Father, we render thee our thanks and praise for the light of thy everlasting Gospel, and for the means provided in thy Church for extending its inestimable benefits among men. Stir up, we beseech thee, the wills of thy people, that with all diligence and zeal, and in the fear of thy holy name, and the faith of thy holy Gospel, they may, in their respective and proper stations, apply those means. And do thou crown with success all efforts thus put forth for the enlargement and interests of the Redeemer's kingdom. We commend especially to thy blessing the great Christian charity of Sunday School instruction, and more particularly the General Sunday School Union of this Church. Open the hearts of thy people to a willingness to

contribute liberally the proper means for carrying its good designs into effect. May all the deliberations and operations of those to whom the management of its concerns is intrusted, be so directed and furthered by thy grace, that it may be rendered a faithful and successful agent of the Church in feeding, with food convenient for them, the lambs of the flock of CHRIST. Bless thy servants the pastors of the Church, [especially *him* who *is* over us in the LORD, as in all their labors, so particularly in the care and guidance of their Sunday Schools;] and give to all superintendents and teachers of the schools grace to direct aright their minds, to animate and warm their hearts, and to give efficiency and success to their labors, in their proper sphere of responsibility and action. Bless, too, we humbly beseech thee, O LORD, all those who are the subjects of instruction in our Sunday Schools. May their hearts be moved to receive, in Christian submission, meekness and love, the instructions given, and prosecute with diligence and fidelity the duties assigned to them. May they be fitted to become useful in their generation, and to adorn the doctrine of GOD their Saviour, by denying ungodliness and worldly lusts and living righteously, soberly, and godly. May they be built up in the true faith, and become living members of the Church of CHRIST. And may they at last receive the commendation of faithful servants, from the great Shepherd and Bishop of their souls. These, and all other things which thou mayest see to be necessary and

convenient for us, we humbly beg, in the name and through the mediation of JESUS CHRIST, our blessed Saviour and Redeemer. *Amen.*

Our Father, &c.

The grace of our Lord, &c.

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## COLLECTS,

### PROPER TO BE USED WITH ANY OF THE PRECEDING SERVICES.

#### THE FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT.

ALMIGHTY GOD, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which thy Son JESUS CHRIST came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the quick and dead, we may rise to the life immortal, through him who liveth and reigneth with thee and the HOLY GHOST, now and ever. *Amen.*

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#### THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT.

BLESSED LORD, who hast caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning; grant that we may in such wise hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that by patience and comfort of thy holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold

fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which thou hast given us in our Saviour JESUS CHRIST. *Amen.*

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THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT.

O LORD JESUS CHRIST, who at thy first coming didst send thy messenger to prepare thy way before thee; grant that the Ministers and Stewards of thy mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready thy way, by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at thy second coming to judge the world, we may be found an acceptable people in thy sight, who livest and reignest with the FATHER and the HOLY SPIRIT, ever one GOD, world without end. *Amen.*

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THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT.

O LORD, raise up, we pray thee, thy power, and come among us, and with great might succour us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness, we are sore let and hindered in running the race that is set before us, thy bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us, through the satisfaction of thy Son our LORD; to whom, with thee and the HOLY GHOST, be honour and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

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THE SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS-DAY.

ALMIGHTY GOD, who hast given us thy only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him, and as at this time to be born of a pure virgin; grant that we

being regenerate and made thy children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by thy HOLY SPIRIT, through the same our LORD JESUS CHRIST, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the same SPIRIT, ever one GOD, world without end. *Amen.*

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THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY.

O LORD, we beseech thee mercifully to receive the prayers of thy people who call upon thee; and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil the same, through JESUS CHRIST our Lord. *Amen.*

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THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who dost govern all things in heaven and earth; mercifully hear the supplications of thy people, and grant us thy peace all the days of our life, through JESUS CHRIST our Lord. *Amen.*

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THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting GOD, mercifully look upon our infirmities, and in all our dangers and necessities, stretch forth thy right hand to help and defend, us, through JESUS CHRIST our Lord. *Amen.*

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THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY.

O GOD, who knowest us to be set in the midst of so many and great dangers, that by reason of

the frailty of our nature we cannot always stand upright; grant to us such strength and protection, as may support us in all dangers, and carry us through all temptations, through JESUS CHRIST our Lord. *Amen.*

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THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY.

O LORD, we beseech thee to keep thy Church and Household continually in thy true religion, that they who do lean only upon the hope of thy heavenly grace, may evermore be defended by thy mighty power, through JESUS CHRIST our Lord. *Amen.*

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THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY.

O GOD, whose blessed Son was manifested that he might destroy the works of the devil, and make us the sons of GOD, and heirs of eternal life; grant us, we beseech thee, that having this hope, we may purify ourselves, even as he is pure; that when he shall appear again with power and great glory, we may be made like unto him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where, with thee, O FATHER, and thee, O HOLY GHOST, he liveth and reigneth, ever one GOD, world without end. *Amen.*

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THE SUNDAY CALLED SEPTUAGESIMA, OR THE THIRD SUNDAY BEFORE LENT.

O LORD, we beseech thee favorably to hear the prayers of thy people, that we, who are justly punished for our offences, may be mercifully delivered

by thy goodness, for the glory of thy name, through JESUS CHRIST our Saviour, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the HOLY GHOST, ever one GOD, world without end. *Amen.*

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THE SUNDAY CALLED SEXAGESIMA, OR THE SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE LENT.

O LORD GOD, who seest that we put not our trust in anything that we do; mercifully grant that by thy power we may be defended against all adversity, through JESUS CHRIST our Lord. *Amen.*

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THE SUNDAY CALLED QUINQUAGESIMA, OR THE NEXT SUNDAY BEFORE LENT.

O LORD, who hast taught us that all our doings without charity are nothing worth; send thy HOLY GHOST, and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of charity, the very bond of peace and of all virtues; without which, whosoever liveth is counted dead before thee: Grant this for thine only Son JESUS CHRIST'S sake. *Amen.*

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THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT.

O LORD, who for our sake didst fast forty days and forty nights; give us grace to use such abstinence, that our flesh being subdued to the Spirit, we may ever obey thy godly motions in righteousness and true holiness, to thy honor and glory, who livest and reignest with the FATHER and the HOLY GHOST, one GOD, world without end. *Amen.*

THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT.

ALMIGHTY God, who seest that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves; keep us both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls; that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT.

WE beseech thee, Almighty God, look upon the hearty desires of thy humble servants, and stretch forth the right hand of thy majesty, to be our defence against all our enemies, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT.

GRANT, we beseech thee, Almighty God, that we, who for our evil deeds do worthily deserve to be punished, by the comfort of thy grace may mercifully be relieved, through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

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THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT.

WE beseech thee, Almighty God, mercifully to look upon thy people; that by thy great goodness they may be governed and preserved evermore, both in body and soul, through Jesus Christ our Lord *Amen.*

THE SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE EASTER.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who, of thy tender love toward mankind, has sent thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ, to take upon him our flesh, and to suffer death upon the cross, that all mankind should follow the example of his great humility; mercifully grant that we may both follow the example of his patience, and also be made partakers of his resurrection, through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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EASTER DAY.

ALMIGHTY God, who, through thine only-begotten Son Jesus Christ, hast overcome death, and opened unto us the gate of everlasting life; we humbly beseech thee, that as, by thy special grace preventing us, thou dost put into our minds good desires; so by thy continual help, we may bring the same to good effect, through Jesus Christ our Lord; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

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THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER EASTER.

ALMIGHTY Father, who hast given thine only Son to die for our sins, and to rise again for our justification; grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness, that we may always serve thee in pureness of living and truth, through the merits of the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EASTER.

ALMIGHTY God, who hast given thine only Son to be unto us both a sacrifice for sin, and also an ensample of godly life; give us grace that we may always most thankfully receive that his inestimable benefit, and also daily endeavor ourselves to follow the blessed steps of his most holy life, through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EASTER.

ALMIGHTY God, who showest to them that are in error the light of thy truth, to the intent that they may return into the way of righteousness; grant unto all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may avoid those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same, through our Lord Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

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THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER.

O ALMIGHTY God, who alone canst order the unruly wills and affections of sinful men; grant unto thy people, that they may love the thing which thou commandest, and desire that which thou dost promise; that so, among the sundry and manifold changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed, where true joys are to be found, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER.

O LORD, from whom all good things do come; grant to us, thy humble servants, that by thy holy inspiration we may think those things that are good, and by thy merciful guiding may perform the same through our Lord JESUS CHRIST *Amen.*

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SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION-DAY.

O GOD, the King of glory, who hast exalted thine only Son JESUS CHRIST with great triumph unto thy kingdom in heaven; we beseech thee leave us not comfortless; but send to us thine HOLY GHOST to comfort us, and exalt us unto the same place whither our Saviour CHRIST has gone before; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the HOLY GHOST, one GOD, world without end. *Amen.*

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WHITSUNDAY.

O GOD, who as at this time didst teach the hearts of thy faithful people, by sending to them the light of thy HOLY SPIRIT; grant us by the same SPIRIT to have a right judgment in all things, and evermore te rejoice in his holy comfort, through the merits of CHRIST JESUS our Saviour, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the same SPIRIT, one GOD, world without end. *Amen.*

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TRINITY-SUNDAY.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting GOD, who hast given unto us, thy servants, grace, by the confession

of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal TRINITY, and in the power of the Divine Majesty to worship the Unity; we beseech thee that thou wouldst keep us steadfast in this faith, and evermore defend us from all adversities, who livest and reignest, one GOD, world without end. *Amen.*

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THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.

O GOD, the strength of all those who put their trust in thee, mercifully accept our prayers; and because, through the weakness of our mortal nature, we can do no good thing without thee, grant us the help of thy grace, that in keeping thy commandments we may please thee, both in will and deed, through JESUS CHRIST our Lord. *Amen.*

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THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.

O LORD, who never failest to help and govern those whom thou dost bring up in thy steadfast fear and love; keep us, we beseech thee, under the protection of thy good providence, and make us to have a perpetual fear and love of thy holy name, through JESUS CHRIST our Lord. *Amen.*

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THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.

O LORD, we beseech thee mercifully to hear us; and grant that we, to whom thou hast given a hearty desire to pray, may, by thy mighty aid, be defended and comforted in all dangers and adversities, through JESUS CHRIST our Lord. *Amen.*

THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.

O GOD, the protector of all that trust in thee, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy; increase and multiply upon us thy mercy; that thou being our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we finally lose not the things eternal: Grant this, O heavenly Father, for JESUS CHRIST's sake our Lord. *Amen.*

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THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.

GRANT, O LORD, we beseech thee, that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered by thy governance, that thy Church may joyfully serve thee in all godly quietness, through JESUS CHRIST our LORD. *Amen.*

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THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.

O GOD, who hast prepared for those who love thee, such good things as pass man's understanding; pour into our hearts such love towards thee, that we, loving thee above all things, may obtain thy promises, which exceed all that we can desire, through JESUS CHRIST our Lord. *Amen.*

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THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.

LORD of all power and might, who art the author and giver of all good things; graft in our hearts the love of thy name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of thy great mercy keep us in the same, through JESUS CHRIST our Lord. *Amen.*

THE EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.

GOD, whose never failing providence ordereth all things both in heaven and earth; we humbly beseech thee to put away from us all hurtful things, and to give us those things which are profitable for us, through JESUS CHRIST our Lord. *Amen.*

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THE NINTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.

GRANT to us, Lord, we beseech thee, the spirit to think and do always such things as are right; that we, who cannot do any thing that is good without thee, may by thee be enabled to live according to thy will, through JESUS CHRIST our Lord. *Amen.*

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THE TENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.

LET thy merciful ears, O Lord, be opened to the prayers of thy humble servants; and that they may obtain their petitions, make them to ask such things as shall please thee, through JESUS CHRIST our Lord. *Amen.*

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THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.

O GOD, who declarest thy almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity; mercifully grant unto us such a measure of thy grace, that we, running the way of thy commandments, may obtain thy gracious promises and be made partakers of thy heavenly treasure, through JESUS CHRIST our Lord. *Amen.*

THE TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who art always more ready to hear than we to pray, and art wont to give more than either we desire or deserve; pour down upon us the abundance of thy mercy, forgiving us those things whereof our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask, but through the merits and mediation of JESUS CHRIST thy Son our Lord. *Amen.*

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THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.

ALMIGHTY and merciful GOD, of whose only gift it cometh that thy faithful people do unto thee true and laudable service; grant, we beseech thee that we may so faithfully serve thee in this life, that we fail not finally to attain thy heavenly promises, through the merits of JESUS CHRIST our Lord. *Amen.*

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THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting GOD, give unto us the increase of faith, hope, and charity; and that we may obtain that which thou dost promise, make us to love that which thou dost command, through JESUS CHRIST our Lord. *Amen.*

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THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.

KEEP, we beseech thee, O LORD, thy Church with thy perpetual mercy: and because the frailty of man without thee cannot but fall, keep us ever by thy help from all things hurtful, and lead us to all

things profitable to our salvation, through JESUS CHRIST our Lord. *Amen.*

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THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.

O LORD, we beseech thee, let thy continual pity cleanse and defend thy Church; and because it cannot continue in safety without thy succour, preserve it evermore by thy help and goodness, through JESUS CHRIST our Lord. *Amen.*

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THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.

LORD, we pray thee, that thy grace may always prevent and follow us; and make us continually to be given to all good works, through JESUS CHRIST our Lord. *Amen.*

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THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.

LORD, we beseech thee, grant thy people grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh, and the devil; and with pure hearts and minds to follow thee, the only GOD, through JESUS CHRIST our Lord. *Amen.*

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THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.

O GOD, forasmuch as without thee we are not able to please thee; mercifully grant that thy HOLY SPIRIT may in all things direct and rule our hearts, through JESUS CHRIST our Lord. *Amen.*

THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.

O ALMIGHTY and most merciful God, of thy ›ountiful goodness keep us, we beseech thee, from all hings that may hurt us; that we, being ready both in ›ody and soul, may cheerfully accomplish those things ›hich thou commandest, through Jesus Christ our ›ord. *Amen.*

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THE TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.

GRANT, we beseech thee, merciful Lord, to thy ıithful people, pardon and peace; that they may be leansed from all their sins, and serve thee with a uiet mind, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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THE TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.

LORD, we beseech thee to keep thy household ıe Church in continual godliness; that through thy rotection, it may be free from all adversities, and evoutly given to serve thee in good works, to the lory of thy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *men.*

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THE TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.

O GOD, our refuge and strength, who art the au-ıor of all godliness; be ready, we beseech thee, to ›ar the devout prayers of thy Church; and grant ıat those things which we ask faithfully, we may ›tain effectually, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *men.*

THE TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.

O LORD, we beseech thee, absolve thy people from their offences; that, through thy bountiful goodness, we may all be delivered from the bands of those sins which by our frailty we have committed: Grant this, O heavenly Father, for JESUS CHRIST'S sake, our blessed Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

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THE TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.

STIR up, we beseech thee, O LORD, the wills of thy faithful people; that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may by thee be plenteously rewarded, through JESUS CHRIST our Lord *Amen.*

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THE COMMUNION.

ALMIGHTY GOD, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid, cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit; that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy name, through CHRIST our Lord. *Amen.*

O ALMIGHTY LORD, and everlasting GOD, vouchsafe, we beseech thee, to direct, sanctify, and govern, both our hearts and bodies, in the ways of thy laws, and in the works of thy commandments; that, through thy most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul through our Lord and Saviour JESUS CHRIST. *Amen*

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# SELECTION

OF

# PSALMS AND HYMNS,

FOR THE USE

OF

# SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

"Teaching and admonishing one another in psalms, and hymns, and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord." Col. iii 16

"I will sing with the spirit, and I will sing with the understanding also 1 Cor. xiv. 15

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# SELECTIONS

FROM

# THE PSALMS.

## *Selection* 1. C. M.

1 How blest is he, who ne'er consent
by ill advice to walk,
Nor stands in sinner's ways, nor sits
where men profanely talk;

2 But makes the perfect law of God
his business and delight;
Devoutly reads therein by day,
and meditates by night.

3 Like some fair tree, which, fed by streams,
with timely fruit does bend,
He still shall flourish, and success
all his designs attend.

4 Ungodly men, and their attempts,
no lasting root shall find;
Untimely blasted, and dispersed
like chaff before the wind.

5 For God approves the just man's ways;
to happiness they tend:
But sinners, and the paths they tread,
shall both in ruin end.

## *Selection* 2. C. M.

1 Lord, hear the voice of my complaint,
accept my secret prayer;
To thee alone, my King, my God,
will I for help repair.

2 Thou in the morn my voice shalt hear,
and with the dawning day;
To thee devoutly I'll look up,
to thee devoutly pray.

3 Conduct me by thy righteous laws,
for watchful is my foe;
Therefore, O Lord, make plain the way
wherein I ought to go.

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## *Selection* 3. C. M.

1 O Thou, to whom all creatures bow
within this earthly frame,
Through all the world how great art thou!
how glorious is thy name!

2 In heaven thy wondrous acts are sung,
nor fully reckon'd there;
And yet thou mak'st the infant tongue
thy boundless praise declare.

3 Thro' thee the weak confound the strong,
and crush their haughty foes;
And so thou quell'st the wicked throng,
that thee and thine oppose.

4 When heaven, thy beauteous work on high,
employs my wondering sight;

The moon, that nightly rules the sky,
with stars of feebler light;

4 What's man, say I, that, Lord, thou lov'st
to keep him in thy mind?
Or what his offspring, that thou prov'st
to them so wondrous kind!

5 O Thou, to whom all creatures bow
within this earthly frame,
Through all the world how great art thou!
how glorious is thy name!

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## *Selection* 4. C. M.

1 Lord, who's the happy man that may
to thy blest courts repair,
Not stranger-like, to visit them,
but to inhabit there?

2 'Tis he, whose every thought and deed
by rules of virtue moves;
Whose generous tongue disdains to speak
the thing his heart disproves.

3 Who never did a slander forge,
his neighbour's fame to wound:
Nor hearken to a false report,
by malice whisper'd round.

4 Who vice, in all its pomp and power,
can treat with just neglect;
And piety, though clothed in rags,
religiously respect.

5 Who to his plighted vows and trust
has ever firmly stood;
And though he promise to his loss,
he makes his promise good.

5 The man, who by his steady course
has happiness insured,
When earth's foundation shakes, shall stand,
by Providence secured.

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## *Selection* 5. L. M.

1 No change of time shall ever shock
my firm affection, Lord, to thee;
For thou hast always been my rock,
a fortress and defence to me.

2 Thou my deliverer art, my God;
my trust is in thy mighty power:
Thou art my shield from foes abroad,
at home my safeguard and my tower.

3 To thee I will address my prayer,
to whom all praise we justly owe;
So shall I, by thy watchful care,
be guarded from my treacherous foe.

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## *Selection* 6. C. M.

1 The heavens declare thy glory, Lord,
which that alone can fill;
The firmament and stars express
their great Creator's skill.

2 The dawn of each returning day
fresh beams of knowledge brings;

And from the dark returns of night
divine instruction springs.

3 Their powerful language to no realm
or region is confined;
'Tis nature's voice, and understood
alike by all mankind.

4 Their doctrine does its sacred sense
through earth's extent display;
Whose bright contents the circling sun
does round the world convey.

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## *Selection* 7. C. M.

1 God's perfect law converts the soul;
reclaims from false desires:
With sacred wisdom his sure word
the ignorant inspires.

2 The statutes of the Lord are just,
and bring sincere delight;
His pure commands in search of truth
assist the feeblest sight.

3 Of more esteem than golden mines,
or gold refined with skill;
More sweet than honey, or the drops
that from the comb distil.

4 My trusty counsellors they are,
and friendly warnings give;
Divine rewards attend on those
who by thy precepts live

## *Selection* 8. C. M.

1 The Lord himself, the mighty Lord,
vouchsafes to be my guide;
The Shepherd, by whose constant care
my wants are all supply'd.

2 In tender grass he makes me feed,
and gently there repose;
Then leads me to cool shades, and where
refreshing water flows.

3 He does my wandering soul reclaim,
and, to his endless praise,
Instruct with humble zeal to walk
in his most righteous ways.

4 I pass the gloomy vale of death,
from fear and danger free;
For there his aiding rod and staff
defend and comfort me.

5 Since God doth thus his wondrous love
through all my life extend,
That life to him I will devote,
and in his temple spend.

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## *Selection* 9. S. M.

1 His mercy, and his truth,
the righteous Lord displays,
In bringing wandering sinners home,
and teaching them his ways

2 He those in justice guides,
who his direction seek;

And in his sacred paths shall lead
the humble and the meek.

3 Since mercy is the grace,
that most exalts thy fame,
Forgive my heinous sin, O Lord,
and so advance thy name.

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## *Selection* 10. L. M.

1 He's blest whose sins have pardon gain'd,
no more in judgment to appear ;
Whose guilt remission has obtain'd,
and whose repentance is sincere.

2 Sorrows on sorrows multiplied,
the harden'd sinner shall confound ;
But them who in his truth confide,
blessings of mercy shall surround.

3 His saints, that have perform'd his laws,
their life in triumph shall employ
Let them, as they alone have cause,
in grateful raptures shout for joy.

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## *Selection* 11. C. M.

1 Through all the changing scenes of life,
in trouble and in joy,
The praises of my God shall still
my heart and tongue employ

2 The hosts of God encamp around
the dwellings of the just ;
Deliverance he affords to all
who on his succour trust.

3 O! make but trial of his love,
experience will decide
How blest they are, and only they,
who in his truth confide.

4 Fear him, ye saints; and you will then
have nothing else to fear:
Make you his service your delight,
your wants shall be his care.

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## *Selection* 12. C. M.

1 Approach, ye piously disposed,
and my instruction hear;
I'll teach you the true discipline
of his religious fear.

2 Let him who length of life desires,
and prosperous days would see,
From slanderring language keep his tongue,
his lips from falsehood free;

3 The crooked paths of vice decline,
and virtue's ways pursue;
Establish peace, where 'tis begun,
and where 'tis lost, renew.

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## *Selection* 13. P. M. (II. 2.)

1 The good man's way is God's delight:
He orders all the steps aright
Of him that moves by his command

Though he sometimes may be distress'd,
Yet shall he ne'er be quite oppress'd;
For God upholds him with his hand.

2 From my first youth, till age prevail'd,
I never saw the righteous fail'd,
Or want o'ertake his numerous race;
Because compassion fill'd his heart,
And he did cheerfully impart,
God made his offspring's wealth increase

3 With caution shun each wicked deed,
In virtue's ways with zeal proceed,
And so prolong your happy days;
For God, who judgment loves, does still
Preserve his saints secure from ill,
While soon the wicked race decays.

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## *Selection* 14. C. M.

1 Lord, let me know my term of days,
how soon my life will end;
The num'rous train of ills disclose,
which this frail state attend.

2 My life, thou know'st, is but a span;
a cipher sums my years;
And every man, in best estate,
but vanity appears.

3 Man, like a shadow, vainly walks,
with fruitless cares oppress'd;
He heaps up wealth, but cannot tell
by whom 'twill be possess'd.

4 Why then should I on worthless toys
with anxious cares attend?
On thee alone my steadfast hope
shall ever, Lord, depend.

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## *Selection* **15.** P. M. (II. 2.)

1 My life, while I that life enjoy,
In blessing God I will employ;
With lifted hands adore his name;
My soul's content shall be as great
As theirs, who choicest dainties eat,
While I with joy his praise proclaim.

2 When down I lie, sweet sleep to find,
Thou, Lord, art present to my mind;
And when I wake in dead of night:
Because thou still dost succour bring,
Beneath the shadow of thy wing
I rest with safety and delight.

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## *Selection* **16.** L. M.

1 For thee, O God, our constant praise
in Sion waits, thy chosen seat;
Our promised altars there we'll raise,
and all our zealous vows complete.

2 Our sins, though numberless, in vain
to stop thy flowing mercy try;
Whilst thou o'erlookst the guilty stain
and washest out the crimson dye.

3 Blest is the man, who, near thee placed,
within thy sacred dwelling lives!

Whilst we at humble distance taste
the vast delights thy temple gives.

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## *Selection* 17. S. M.

1 To bless thy chosen race,
in mercy, Lord, incline ;
And cause the brightness of thy face
on all thy saints to shine :

2 That so thy wondrous way
may through the world be known ;
While distant lands their tribute pay,
and thy salvation own.

3 Let diff'ring nations join
to celebrate thy fame ;
Let all the world, O Lord, combine
to praise thy glorious name.

4 O let them shout and sing
with joy and pious mirth ;
For thou, the righteous Judge and King,
shall govern all the earth.

5 Let diff'ring nations join
to celebrate thy fame ;
Let all the world, O Lord, combine
to praise thy glorious name.

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## *Selection* 18. L. M.

1 Whom then in heaven, but thee alone,
have I, whose favour I require?

Throughout the spacious earth there's none
that I besides thee can desire.

2 My trembling flesh, and aching heart,
may often fail to succour me ;
But God shall inward strength impart,
and my eternal portion be.

3 For they that far from thee remove,
shall into sudden ruin fall ;
If after other gods they rove,
thy vengeance shall destroy them all.

4 But as for me, 'tis good and just
that I should still to God repair ;
In him I always put my trust,
and will his wondrous works declare.

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## *Selection* 19. C. M.

1 O God of hosts, the mighty Lord,
how lovely is the place,
Where thou, enthroned in glory, show'st
the brightness of thy face!

2 Much rather in God's house will I
the meanest office take,
Than in the wealthy tents of sin
my pompous dwelling make.

3 For God, who is our Sun and Shield,
will grace and glory give ;
And no good thing will he withhold
from them that justly live.

4 Thou God, whom heavenly hosts obey,
how highly blest is he,
Whose hope and trust, securely placed,
is still reposed on thee!

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## *Selection* 20. C. M.

1 Thou turnest man, O Lord, to dust,
of which he first was made;
And when thou speak'st the word, Return,
'tis instantly obey'd.

2 For in thy sight a thousand years
are like a day that's past;
Or like a watch in dead of night,
whose hours unminded waste.

3 Thou sweep'st us off as with a flood,
we vanish hence like dreams;
At first we grow like grass that feels
the sun's reviving beams:

4 But howsoever fresh and fair
its morning beauty shows;
'Tis all cut down, and wither'd quite,
before the evening close.

5 So teach us, Lord, the uncertain sum
of our short days to mind,
That to true wisdom all our hearts
may ever be inclined.

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## *Selection* 21. C. M.

1 How good and pleasant must it be
to thank the Lord most high;

And with repeated hymns of praise
his name to magnify !

2 With every morning's early dawn
his goodness to relate ;
And of his constant truth, each night,
the glad effects repeat !

3 For through thy wond'rous works, O Lord,
thou mak'st my heart rejoice ;
The thoughts of them shall make me glad,
and shout with cheerful voice.

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## *Selection* 22. C. M.

1 Bless'd is the man, whom thou, O Lord,
in kindness dost chastise,
And by thy sacred rules to walk
dost lovingly advise.

2 This man shall rest and safety find
in seasons of distress ;
Whilst God prepares a pit for those
that stubbornly transgress.

3 For God will never from his saints
his favour wholly take ;
His own possession and his lot
he will not quite forsake.

4 The world shall then confess thee just
in all that thou hast done ;
And those that choose thy upright ways
shall in those paths go on.

## *Selection* 23. L. M. DOUBLE.

1 Sing to the Lord a new made song;
Let earth in one assembled throng
Her common Patron's praise resound:
Sing to the Lord, and bless his name,
From day to day his praise proclaim,
Who us has with salvation crown'd:
To heathen lands his fame rehearse,
His wonders to the universe.

2 He's great, and greatly to be prais'd;
In majesty and glory rais'd
Above all other deities:
For pageantry and idols all
Are they, whom gods the heathen call;
He only rules, who made the skies:
With majesty and honour crown'd,
Beauty and strength his throne surround.

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## *Selection* 24. L. M.

1 With one consent, let all the earth
to God their cheerful voices raise;
Glad homage pay, with awful mirth,
and sing before him songs of praise:

2 Convinced that he is God alone,
from whom both we and all proceed,
We, whom he chooses for his own,
the flock that he vouchsafes to feed.

3 O enter then his temple gate,
thence to his courts devoutly press;
And still your grateful hymns repeat,
and still his name with praises bless.

4 For he's the Lord, supremely good,
his mercy is for ever sure;
His truth, which always firmly stood,
to endless ages shall endure.

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## *Selection* 25. L. M.

1 My soul, inspired with sacred love,
God's holy name for ever bless;
Of all his favours mindful prove,
and still thy grateful thanks express.

2 'Tis he that all thy sins forgives,
and after sickness makes thee sound;
From danger he thy life retrieves,
by him with grace and mercy crown'd

3 The Lord abounds with tender love,
and unexampled acts of grace;
His waken'd wrath doth slowly move,
his willing mercy flies apace.

4 As high as heaven its arch extends
above this little spot of clay,
So much his boundless love transcends
the small respects that we can pay.

5 As far as 'tis from east to west,
so far has he our sins removed;
Who, with a father's tender breast,
has such as fear'd him always loved.

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## *Selection* 26. L. M.

1 O render thanks to God above,
The fountain of eternal love

Whose mercy firm through ages past
Has stood, and shall for ever last.

2 Who can his mighty deeds express,
Not only vast, but numberless?
What mortal eloquence can raise
His tribute of immortal praise?

3 Happy are they, and only they,
Who from thy judgments never stray:
Who know what's right, nor only so,
But always practise what they know.

4 Extend to me that favour, Lord,
Thou to thy chosen dost afford:
When thou return'st to set them free,
Let thy salvation visit me.

5 O may I worthy prove to see
Thy saints in full prosperity;
That I the joyful choir may join,
And count thy people's triumph mine!

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## *Selection* 27. L. M.

1 Praise ye the Lord; our God to praise
My soul her utmost powers shall raise:
With private friends, and in the throng
Of saints, his praise shall be my song.

2 His works, for greatness though renown'd,
His wondrous works, with ease are found
By those who seek for them aright,
And in the pious search delight.

3 His works are all of matchless fame,
And universal glory claim;
His truth, confirmed through ages past,
Shall to eternal ages last.

4 By precepts he hath us enjoin'd
To keep his wondrous works in mind;
And to posterity record,
That good and gracious is our Lord.

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## *Selection* 28. C. M.

1 How bless'd are they, who always keep
the pure and perfect way!
Who never from the sacred paths
of God's commandments stray!

2 How bless'd, who to his righteous laws
have still obedient been!
And have with fervent, humble zeal,
his favour sought to win!

3 Such men their utmost caution use
to shun each wicked deed;
But in the path which he directs
with constant care proceed.

4 Thou strictly hast enjoin'd us, Lord,
to learn thy sacred will;
And all our diligence employ
thy statutes to fulfil.

5 O then that thy most holy will
might o'er my ways preside,
And I the course of all my life
by thy direction guide!

## *Selection* 29. C. M.

1 How shall the young preserve their ways
from all pollution free ?
By making still their course of life
with thy commands agree.

2 With hearty zeal for thee I seek,
to thee for succour pray ;
O suffer not my careless steps
from thy right paths to stray !

3 Safe in my heart, and closely hid,
thy word, my treasure, lies ;
To succour me with timely aid,
when sinful thoughts arise.

4 Secur'd by that, my grateful soul
shall ever bless thy name ;
O teach me then by thy just laws
my future life to frame !

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## *Selection* 30. C. M.

1 Instruct me in thy statutes, Lord ;
thy righteous paths display :
And I from them, through all my life,
will never go astray.

2 If thou true wisdom from above
wilt graciously impart,
To keep thy perfect laws I will
devote my zealous heart.

3 Direct me in the sacred ways
to which thy precepts lead ;

Because my chief delight has been
thy righteous paths to tread.

4 Do thou to thy most just commands
incline my willing heart;
Let no desire of worldly wealth
from thee my thoughts divert.

5 From those vain objects turn my eyes,
which this false world displays;
But give me lively power and strength
to keep thy righteous ways.

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## *Selection* 31. C. M.

1 O Lord, my God, my portion thou
and sure possession art;
Thy words I steadfastly resolve
to treasure in my heart!

2 To such as fear thy holy name,
myself I closely join;
To all who their obedient wills
to thy commands resign.

3 O'er all the earth thy mercy, Lord,
abundantly is shed;
O make me then exactly learn
thy sacred paths to tread!

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## *Selection* 32. C. M.

1 The wonders which thy laws contain
no words can represent;
Therefore to learn and practise them
my zealous heart is bent.

2 The very entrance to thy word
celestial light displays,
And knowledge of true happiness
to simplest minds conveys.

3 Directed by thy heav'nly word,
let all my footsteps be;
Nor wickedness of any kind
dominion have o'er me.

4 On me, devoted to thy fear,
Lord, make thy face to shine;
Thy statutes both to know and keep,
my heart with zeal incline.

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## *Selection* 33. L. M.

1 Thou, Lord, by strictest search hast known
My rising up and lying down;
My secret thoughts are known to thee,
Known long before conceived by me.

2 Thine eye my bed and path surveys,
My public haunts and private ways;
Thou know'st what 'tis my lips would vent,
My yet unutter'd words' intent.

3 Surrounded by thy power I stand;
On every side I find thy hand:
O skill for human reach too high!
Too dazzling bright for mortal eye!

4 O could I so perfidious be,
To think of once deserting thee,
Where, Lord, could I thy influence shun?
Or whither from thy presence run?

5 Search, try, O God, my thoughts and heart,
If mischief lurk in any part:
Correct me where I go astray,
And guide me in thy perfect way.

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## *Selection* 34. C. M.

1 How holy is the Lord, how just!
how righteous all his ways!
How nigh to him, who with firm trust
for his assistance prays!

2 He grants the full desires of those
who him with fear adore;
And will their troubles soon compose,
when they his aid implore.

3 The Lord preserves all those with care,
whom grateful love employs;
But sinners, who his vengeance dare,
with furious rage destroys.

4 My time to come, in praises spent,
shall still advance his fame;
And all mankind, with one consent,
for ever bless his name.

END OF THE SELECTIONS FROM THE PSALMS

# HYMNS.

## PART I.

### HYMNS FOR THE USE OF SUNDAY SCHOLARS.

**1.** *The advantages of early religion.* C. M

1 Happy the child whose youngest years
  Receive instruction well;
Who hates the sinner's path, and fears
  The road that leads to hell.

2 When we devote our youth to God
  'Tis pleasing in his eyes;
A flower when offered in the bud
  Is no vain sacrifice.

3 'Tis easier work if we begin
  To fear the Lord betimes;
While sinners that grow old in sin,
  Are harden'd in their crimes.

4 'Twill save us from a thousand snares
  To mind religion young,
Grace will preserve our following years,
  And make our virtues strong.

5 To thee, Almighty God, to thee
  Our childhood we resign;

'Twill please us to look back and see
That our whole lives were thine.

6 Let the sweet work of prayer and praise
Employ our youngest breath:
Thus we're prepared for longer days,
Or fit for early death.

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### 2. *Religion.* 7s. (III. 1.)

1 'Tis religion that can give
Sweetest pleasure while we live;
'Tis religion must supply
Solid comfort when we die.

2 After death its joys will be
Lasting as eternity!
Be the living God our friend,
Then our bliss shall never end.

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### 3. *Importance of religion.* C. M.

1 Religion is the chief concern
Of mortals here below;
May we its great importance learn,
Its sov'reign virtue know.

2 More needful this than glittering wealth
Or all the world bestows:
Not reputation, food, nor health,
Can give us such repose.

3 Religion should our thoughts engage
Amidst our youthful bloom;
'Twill fit us for declining age,
And for the awful tomb.

4 Ten thousand comforts it procures
For us while here on earth;
And endless happiness secures
When we have pass'd thro' death.

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## 4. *The chief end of man.* L. M.

1 Why have we lips, if not to sing
The praises of our heavenly King?
Why have we hearts, if not to love
Our Father and our Friend above?

2 Why were our curious bodies made,
And every part in order laid?
Why, but that each of us might stand
A living wonder from his hand?

3 Why have we souls, if not to know
The God from whom our natures flow?
Sure this can never be our lot,
Like senseless brutes, to know Him not!

4 Why have we life? if not to gain
Immortal life, 'tis worse than vain;
This is the end for which 'twas given:
We live on earth, to live in heaven.

5 Why did the Saviour leave the sky,
Hang on a cross, and bleed, and die?
And why are kind persuasions sent
To call and win us to repent?

6 O this is why,—that washed, and white,
And all well-pleasing in his sight,
Our souls may join the happy throng,
And sing the everlasting song.

### 5. *The way to please the Lord.* C. M

1 This is the way to know the Lord,
And this will please him too,
To hear and read his holy word,
That tells us what to do.

2 He lives in heaven, and does not need
Such little ones as we;
But God is very kind indeed,
And even cares for me.

3 Though, if we tried with all our might
And did the best we could,
We should not always do aright,
And could not do him good.

4 Then let us love him for his care,
And love his holy word,
Because he teaches children there
To know and please the Lord.

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### 6. *Religion not to be delayed.* C. M

1 O 'tis a folly and a crime
To put religion by!
For *now* is the accepted time;
To-morrow we may die.

2 Our hearts grow harder every day,
And more deprav'd the mind;
The longer we neglect to pray,
The less we feel inclin'd.

3 Yet sinners trifle, young and old,
Until their dying day;

Then, they would give a world of gold
To have an hour to pray.

4 O then lest *we* should perish thus,
We would no longer wait;
For time will soon be past with us,
And death must fix our state.

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## 7. *The Holy Scriptures.* C. M.

1 Great God! with wonder and with praise
On all thy works I look;
But still thy wisdom, power, and grace,
Shine brightest in thy book.

2 The stars, that in their courses roll,
Have much instruction given;
But thy good word informs my soul
How I may soar to heaven.

3 The fields provide me food, and show
The goodness of the Lord;
But fruits of life and glory grow
In thy most holy word.

4 Here are my choicest treasures hid,
Here my best comfort lies;
Here my desires are satisfied,
And here my hopes arise.

5 Lord, make me understand thy law,
Show what my faults have been,
And from thy Gospel let me draw
Pardon for all my sin.

6 Here would I learn how Christ has died
To save my soul from hell:

Not all the books on earth beside,
Such heavenly wonders tell.

7 Then let me love my Bible more,
And take a fresh delight,
By day to read these wonders o'er,
And meditate by night.

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## 8. *The Holy Scriptures.* C. M.

1 Father of mercies! in thy word
What endless glory shines!
For ever be thy name ador'd,
For these celestial lines.

2 Here may the wretched sons of want
Exhaustless riches find;
Riches above what earth can grant,
And lasting as the mind.

3 Here the fair tree of knowledge grows,
And yields a free repast;
Sublimer sweets than nature knows
Invite the longing taste.

4 Here the Redeemer's welcome voice
Spreads heavenly peace around;
And life and everlasting joys,
Attend the blissful sound.

5 O may these heavenly pages be
My ever dear delight;
And still new beauties may I see,
And still increasing light.

6 Divine instructer, gracious Lord,
Be thou for ever near;

Teach me to love thy sacred word,
And view my Saviour there.

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## 9. *The Bible a treasure.* 8. 7. (III. 3.)

1 What a mercy, what a treasure,
We possess in God's own word!
Where we read, with sacred pleasure,
Of the love of Christ our Lord!

2 That dear word reveals the Saviour,
Whom our sins so deeply need;
Oh what mercy, love, and favour,
That for sinners Christ should bleed!

3 While each wretched heathen nation,
Nothing knows, dear Lord, of thee;
In this happy land, salvation
Richly is reveal'd to me.

4 Oh! the blessedness of knowing
Jesus Christ our Saviour's love,
Freely on a child bestowing
Grace and mercy from above!

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## 10. *The Lord's Day.* L. M.

1 We hail this day of sacred rest—
Day of all others far the best;
Honour'd by God in various ways,
Improv'd by saints to shew his praise.

2 And shall not we each Lord's day love?—
Each Lord's day for our souls improve?
Yes, Lord, tho' young, our prayer shall be,
That we may spend its hours to thee.

3 Though other children waste this day
In foolish talk and sinful play;
We'll bear in mind that it is given,
To get prepar'd for death and heaven.

2 We therefore to our school repair,
To spend our time in praise and prayer
To learn thy will, thy word to read,
Then to thy temple to proceed.

5 There we are warn'd, invited, taught;
Grace is proposed, and mercy sought;
Thus may our souls in grace improve,
Till call'd to endless rest above.

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**11.** *The Lord's Day; the Christian Sabbath.*
7s. (III. 1.)

1 *Maker* of the Sabbath day
Teach us how to praise and pray;
Thou this blessed day hast given,
To prepare our souls for heaven.

2 *Giver* of eternal rest,
Be thy glorious Gospel blest;
Thou alone canst change the heart
Thou alone canst peace impart.

3 *Ruler* of the earth and sky,
Lord of all below, on high;
Make the *young*, as well as old
Sheep of thy *eternal* fold.

4 *Friend* of children, hear our pray'r
Let no trifling feelings dare
Steal the precious hours away
Of this Sacred *Sabbath Day*

**12.** *God our Father and Friend.* C. M.

1 To God who reigns above the sky,
Our Father and our friend,
To him let all our vows be paid,
And all our pray'rs ascend.

2 'Tis he who claims our youthful hearts,
He loves to hear us pray:
By night we'll think upon his love,
And praise him every day.

3 When we offend against our God
We'll ask his pardoning love;
'Twas for our sins the Saviour died,
And pleads for us above.

4 With all the love a father feels,
He pities and forgives;
And though our earthly parents die,
Our Heavenly Father lives.

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**13.** "*Our Father who art in Heaven.*" L. M

1 Great God, and wilt thou condescend
To be our Father, and our Friend?—
Poor children we, and thou so high,
The Lord of earth, and air, and sky!

2 Art thou our Father? Canst thou bear
To hear our poor, imperfect prayer,
Or stoop to listen to the praise
That children such as we can raise?

3 Art thou our Father? Let us be
Obedient children unto thee;

And try, in word, and deed, and thought,
To serve and please thee as we ought.

4 Art thou our Father? We'll depend
Upon the care of such a friend;
And only wish to do, and be,
Whatever seemeth good to thee.

5 Art thou our Father?—then at last,
When all our days on earth are past,
Send down, and take us, in thy love,
To be with thee, in joy, above.

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**14.** *God sees every thing and knows every thing.*
L. M.

1 I'm not too young for God to see:
He knows my name, and nature too;
And all day long he looks at me,
And sees my actions through and through

2 He listens to the words I say,
And knows the thoughts I have within;
And whether I'm at work, or play,
He's sure to see it if I sin.

3 O! how could children tell a lie,
Or cheat in play, or steal, or fight,
If they remembered God was by,
And had them always in his sight!

4 If some good minister is near,
It makes us careful what we do;
And how much more we ought to fear
The Lord, who sees us through and through

5 Then when we want to do amiss,
However pleasant it may be,
We'll always try to think of this,—
We're not too young for God to see!

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## 15. *Heaven.* C. M.

1 Heaven is that pure and blissful place,
Where God Almighty reigns;
And where the children of his grace,
Praise him in endless strains.

2 With heavenly zeal each bosom glows,
Pure love inspires each breast;
With liveliest joys each heart o'erflows,
Through the bright realms of rest.

3 The lamb of God, on Calv'ry slain,
For sinners doom'd to die,
Does there in highest glory reign,
And fills all heaven with joy.

4 Redeemed spirits cast their crowns
In rapture at his feet;
And bright archangels, powers, and thrones,
His highest praise repeat.

5 O may we reach that blissful place,
And join that glorious throng!—
Then will we praise redeeming grace
In an eternal song.

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## 16. *A Hymn of praise.* C. M.

1 Now let our voices all be led
To praise the Lord to-day,

For Jesus Christ himself has said
That little children may.

2 We praise thee, Lord, for every good
Thy tender care bestows;
We thank thee for our daily food,
And for our needful clothes.

3 'Tis great compassion in the Lord
Our mouths with bread to fill;
But we are taught to read his word,
And that is better still.

4 Not all the wealth the world can give
Could such a treasure buy;
For this will teach us how to live,
And make us fit to die.

5 O may we always be inclin'd
To walk in wisdom's ways!
And, Lord, as thou art very kind,
Accept our song of praise.

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## 17. *About repenting.* S. M

1 If Jesus Christ was sent
To save us from our sin,
And kindly teach us to repent,
We should at once begin.

2 He says he loves to see
A broken-hearted one;
He loves that sinners such as we
Should mourn for what we've done.

3 'Tis not enough to *say*
"We're sorry and repent,"

Yet still go on from day to day,
Just as we always went.

4 Repentance is, to leave
The sins we lov'd before,
And shew that we in earnest grieve,
By doing so no more.

5 Lord, make us thus sincere
To watch as well as pray,
However small, however dear,
Take all our sins away.

6 And since the Saviour came
To make us turn from sin,
With holy grief and humble shame
We would at once begin.

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**18.** *Against Spite and Anger.* L. M.

1 In whom does Jesus Christ delight?
And who shall dwell with him above?
The angry child that loves to fight,
Is one that Jesus cannot love.

2 To contradict and overbear
With noisy words, or spiteful lies;
To feel revenge; to curse and swear;
Will make us hateful in his eyes.

3 He saw the sudden blow we gave;
He noticed every angry word;
And every wicked thought we have,
His eye has seen, his ear has heard.

4 O thou who wast so meek and mild,
Thou gentle Saviour, hear our cry,
And help a weak and sinful child
Each rising passion to deny.

5 Without thee we shall sin again,
And wander from thee more and more;
Our resolutions will be vain,
As they have often been before.

6 Be thou our help in time of need,
And send thy Spirit from above,
That we, in thought, and word, and deed,
May all be such as thou canst love.

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**19.** *The danger of little sins.* **S. M.**

1 By envious Cain we're taught
How murder may begin;
And how one angry jealous thought
May lead to greater sin.

2 Our evil actions spring
From small and hidden seeds,
At first, we think some wicked thing,
Then practise wicked deeds.

3 Cain once, perhaps, might start
At what he soon would be:
But they who trust an evil heart,
May prove as vile as he.

4 With many a fair pretence,
It tempts us further on,
And hides the dreadful consequence,
Till life and hope are gone.

5 O for a holy fear
  Of every evil way,
That we may never venture near
  The path that leads astray!

6 Wherever it begins,
  It ends in death and wo;
And he who suffers little sins,
  A sinner's doom shall know.

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## 20. *Imitation of Jesus.* C. M.

1 When Jesus left his heavenly throne,
  He chose an humble birth;
Like us unhonour'd and unknown,
  He came to dwell on earth:

2 Like him, may we be found below,
  In wisdom's paths of peace;
Like him, in grace and knowledge grow
  As years and strength increase.

3 Sweet were his words and kind his look,
  When mothers round him press'd;
Their infants in his arms he took,
  And on his bosom bless'd:

4 Safe from the world's alluring harms,
  Beneath his watchful eye,
O, thus encircled in his arms,
  May we for ever lie!

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## 21. *Humility.* 7s (III.) 1.)

1 In a modest humble mind,
  God himself will take delight;

But the proud and haughty find
They are hateful in his sight.

2 Jesus Christ was meek and mild,
And no angry thoughts allow'd:
O, then, shall a little child
Dare to be perverse and proud?

3 This, indeed, should never be;
Lord, forbid it, we entreat:
Grant we all may learn of thee,
That humility is sweet:

4 Make it shine in every part:
Fill us with thy heav'nly grace!
For a little infant's heart
Surely is its proper place!

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## 22. *Brotherly love.* L. M.

1 The God of heav'n is pleased to see
A little family agree;
And will not slight the praise they bring
When loving children join to sing.

2 For love and kindness please him more
Than if we gave him all our store;
And children here who dwell in love,
Are like his little ones above.

3 The gentle child that tries to please,
That hates to quarrel, fret, and tease,
And would not say an angry word;
That child is pleasing to the Lord.

4 Great God! forgive, whenever we
Forget thy will, and disagree;
And grant that each of us may find
The sweet delight of being kind.

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**23.** *God's remembrance of children.* C. M.

1 How great thy goodness, gracious Lord!
What love resides in thee!
Through every season of my life
Thou dost *remember me.*

2 While but a weak and helpless babe,
Rich blessings flow'd from thee;
My parents' tender kindness prov'd
Thou didst *remember me.*

3 And now kind friends are for me rais'd
Who all as one agree,
To teach the way to heav'n, and shew
Thou dost *remember me.*

4 Thy holy day I'm taught to keep,
And every sin to flee;
And to thy house I'm led to hear
Thou dost *remember me.*

5 Till grown to manhood, and till death,
Yea, through eternity,
I therefore hope, in boundless love,
Thou wilt *remember me.*

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**24.** *Praise for daily mercies.* C. M.

1 Lord I would own thy tender care,
And all thy love to me;

The food I eat, the clothes I wear,
Are all bestow'd by thee.

2 'Tis thou preservest me from death
And danger every hour;
I cannot draw another breath
Unless thou give me power.

3 My health, and friends, and parents dear,
To me by God are given;
I have not any blessing here
But what is sent from heaven.

4 Such goodness, Lord, and constant care,
A child can ne'er repay;
But may it be my daily prayer,
To love thee and obey.

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## 25. *A Morning Hymn.* H. M.

1 My Father, I thank thee for sleep,
For quiet and peaceable rest;
I thank thee for stooping to keep
An infant from being distressed;
O how can a poor little creature repay
Thy fatherly kindness by night and by day!

2 My voice would be lisping thy praise,
My heart would repay thee with love;
O teach me to walk in thy ways,
And fit me to see thee above!
For Jesus said, "Let little children come nigh,"
And he will not despise such an infant as I.

3 As long as thou seest it right
That here upon earth I should stay,

I pray thee to guard me by night,
And help me to serve thee by day :
That when all the days of my life shall have pass'd,
I may worship thee better in heaven at last.

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## 26. *An Evening Hymn.* L. M.

1 Lord, I have passed another day,
And come to thank thee for thy care :
Forgive my faults in work and play,
And listen to my evening prayer.

2 Thy favour gives me daily bread,
And friends who all my wants supply ;
And safely now I rest my head,
Preserved and guarded by thine eye.

3 Look down in pity, and forgive
Whate'er I've said or done amiss ;
And help me every day I live
To serve thee better than in this.

4 Now, while I speak, be pleased to take
A helpless child beneath thy care ;
And condescend, for Jesus' sake,
To listen to my evening prayer.

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## 27. *Youth's Evening Hymn.* 12s

1 To the God of all mercy my voice I will raise,
May he help a young child to show forth his great praise :
Through the whole of my life he shall be my delight,
For he's God of the day, and he's God of the night.

2 From the moment I first saw the light of the day,
He has been my preserver, my prop, and my stay:
Let him do what he pleases, I'm sure it is right;
For he's God of the day, and he's God of the night.

3 While I hung, a poor helpless young babe, at the breast,
He by day gave me food, and by night gave me rest;
Shall I doubt his protection in darkness or light?
For he's God of the day, and he's God of the night.

4 Though this day and its mercies are over and past,
Yet new mercies through all the night's darkness shall last:
Thus in love he declares both his wisdom and might,
For he's God of the day, and he's God of the night.

5 Holy Father, to thee my whole self I commend,
In full hope that thy love I shall prove to the end;
And in death may I pass to the regions of light,
O thou God of the day, and thou God of the night!

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**28.** *Public worship delightful.* **L. M.**

1 Lord, how delightful 'tis to see
A whole assembly worship thee:
At once they sing, at once they prav;
They hear of heaven, and learn the way.

2 I have been there, and still would go ;
'Tis like a little heaven below ;
Not all that earth and sin can say,
Shall tempt me to forget this day.

3 O write upon my mem'ry, Lord,
The text and doctrine of thy word ;
That I may break thy laws no more,
But love thee better than before.

4 With thoughts of Christ and things divine,
Fill up this sinful heart of mine ;
That, hoping pardon through his blood,
I may lie down and wake with God.

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**29.** *Against wandering Thoughts.* C. M.

1 Oh ! let me never, never dare
To act the trifler's part ;
Or think that God will hear a prayer,
That comes not from my heart.

2 But if I make his ways my choice,
As holy children do ;
Then while I seek him with my voice,
My heart will love him too.

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**30.** *Preparation for devotion.* S. M.

1 Lord, help us as we pray,
To come with hearts sincere,
And as we run in wisdom's way,
To seek thy blessing here.

2 Lord, help us as we sing,
To *mean* the words we use,

And not to mock our heavenly King,
And all his love abuse.

3 Lord, help us as we hear,
To treasure up thy word,
And not to-morrow to appear
As if it were unheard.

4 Lord, help us while we live,
Thy servants to abide;
The aid of thy good Spirit give;
In mercy be our guide.

5 Lord, help us when we die,
To reach von heavenly shore,
That we with angel hosts on high
May praise Thee evermore.

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## 31. *For Whitsunday.* L. M.

1 Come, gracious Spirit, heavenly Dove,
With light and comfort from above;
Be thou our guardian, thou our guide,
O'er ev'ry thought and step preside.

2 Conduct us safe, conduct us far
From every sin and hurtful snare:
Lead to thy word that rules must give,
And teach us lessons how to live.

3 The light of truth to us display,
Give us to know and choose thy way;
Plant holy fear in every heart,
That we from God may ne'er depart.

4 Lead us to holiness, the road
That we must take to dwell with God;
Lead us to Christ, the living way,
Nor let us from his pastures stray.

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**32.** *For New-Year's Day. Thanksgiving for a year's mercies.* H. M.

1 While many were sleepless with pain
When this New-Year's morning arose,
We, Lord, were permitted again
To wake from a quiet repose;
And now in thy presence, with joy we appear,
To thank Thee for *health* through another long year.

2 While many in poverty pine,
Or beg for the morsel they need,
We share, from compassion divine,
Sufficient to clothe and to feed.
Yes, though so unworthy, we yet may appear
To thank Thee for *comforts* another long year.

3 While many, in vagabond ways,
Untaught, and unblushing are seen,
We come, in the prime of our days,
To learn what thy ministers mean;
And here in thy temple, O Lord, we appear,
To thank Thee for *teaching* another long year.

4 While many in barbarous lands,
Stoop down to a stock or a stone,
And worship, with murderous hands,
Strange idols, in ways of their own;
To thank Thee in this thy own house we appear,
For *Sabbaths*, and *Bibles*, another long year.

5 While many lie still in the ground,
The grass growing over them green,
Who never again shall be found
In the place where so long they had been ;
All cheerful and grateful, O Lord, we appear,
To thank Thee for *life* through another long year

6 And now, what before us may lie,
To Thee, and Thee only, is known ;
Preserve us, our Father, we cry,
And do as Thou wilt with thine own ;
This only we know,—we have nothing to fear,
If God will but guide us another long year

## PART II.

### FOR USE IN SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

**33.** *Gratitude for Instruction.* L. M

1 We thank the Lord who brought us here,
To learn betimes to pray and praise ;
To learn his holy name to fear,
And think his day the best of days.

2 We might have spent this happy time
In sloth and ignorance abroad ;
Or practis'd every youthful crime,
On these the holy days of God.

3 But, O ! how great his love has been !
What kind instruction has he given !

And taught us early to begin
The blessed path that leads to heaven.

4 O! is there one of us who dare
To turn from wisdom's pleasant way?
The thought is what we cannot bear:
We humbly hope we never may.

5 We hope, because the Saviour died;
We hope, because he lives above;
And now doth grace and strength provide,
For every soul that trusts his love.

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**34.** *Praise for Public Worship.* S. M

1 We thank the Lord above,
Who cares for children thus;
And sends his people, out of love,
To teach and pray for us.

2 We humbly join the prayers,
As grateful children should;
Unless we add our own to theirs,
They cannot do us good.

3 O! make us all sincere,
And thankful to be taught;
And careful, every word we hear,
To mind it as we ought.

4 For here we learn the way,
That leads to God and heaven;
And how such helpless sinners may
Have all their sins forgiven.

6 We thank the Lord who shows
His love and mercy thus;
And pray that he would smile on those
Who teach and pray for us.

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**35.** *Thanks for instruction, and prayer for grace.*

S. M.

1 Lord, in the days of youth
May we in grace improve;
And learn the word of sacred truth,
The Saviour's dying love!

2 Our moments haste away
With ev'ry heaving breath;
And swiftly hastens on the day,
When we must sink in death.

3 While some are never taught
The way of God with care;
We bless thee, Lord, that we are brought
To this thine house of prayer.

4 Lord, give us ears to hear,
And hearts to understand;
In trouble may we find thee near,
A Saviour close at hand!

5 Through life's dark rugged road,
Thus far we're kept by thee;
May heav'n at last be our abode,
Thy glory there to see!

**36.** *Thanks for instruction, and prayer for grace.* C. M.

1 Once more we keep the sacred day
That saw the Saviour rise;
Once more we tune our feeble song
To Him that rules the skies.

2 While we, a happy few, are taught
The ways of heavenly truth;
We hail once more the plan of love
That pities wand'ring youth.

3 Our foolish hearts are prone to err,
Too oft we find it so;
O may the God of grace forgive,
And better hearts bestow!

4 Teach us the way, while here we learn
To read thy holy word;
Bless all the kind instructions giv'n,
And make us thine, O Lord

5 Praise to our God, and thanks to those
Who thus the young befriend;
While the rich benefit we reap,
On them thy blessing send.

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**37.** *Praise for help to serve God.* C. M.

1 Lord, hear when little children cry,
And fall before thy face.
Lord, send thy blessing from on high,
To guide our rising race.

2 For strength is what we now implore,
To keep thy holy day;

And may we never waste it more,
In wickedness and play.

3 Thanks for thy precious gospel sound ;
To us thy grace impart,
That, while as hearers we are found,
We may obey in heart.

4 May we remember thee, the Lord,
Now, in our youthful days ;
And humbly sound thy praise abroad,
And gladly sing thy grace.

5 Thanks for thy many mercies giv'n,
And grant us, we implore,
To find the narrow path to heav'n,
And keep it evermore.

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**38.** *Praise for God's mercies.* S. M

1 How pleasant thus to meet,
To sing the Saviour's praise,
His num'rous mercies to repeat,
Enjoy'd through all our days.

2 We're taught to lisp his praise,
To read his word and pray,
To flee from sin's destructive ways,
And keep his holy day.

3 For us in boundless love,
He shed his precious blood ;
And now he pleads our cause above,
To bring our souls to God

4 Then let our voices raise,
To him in tuneful lays;
Till call'd to sing above the skies,
In nobler strains of praise.

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**39.** "*Suffer little children to come unto me.*" 7s.
(III. 1.)

1 Lord, before thy throne we stand,
Once again thy children see;
Smile upon the youthful band,
Suffer us to come to Thee.

2 Whither else should children go,
Weak and impotent as we?
Thou hast all things to bestow,
Suffer us to come to Thee.

3 Suffer us to come and pray,
Daily do we stand in need,
And if thou shouldst turn away,
Lord, we should be poor indeed!

4 Suffer us to come and learn,
Lighten our beclouded eyes,
Do not Thou our folly spurn,
Or we never can be wise.

5 Suffer us to come and own
How unworthy we have been;
Since we look to Thee alone
For the pardon of our sin.

6 Suffer us to come and praise,
Condescend to hear our songs,
All we have, ten thousand ways,
Comes from Thee, to Thee belongs.

7 While we here have life and breath,
This our constant prayer should be,
This our latest sigh in death,—
Suffer us to come to Thee.

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## 40. *Jesus the good Shepherd.* C. M.

1 See the kind Shepherd, Jesus, stands,
To shield his flock from harms ;
Hark, how he calls the tender lambs,
And folds them in his arms.

2 Permit them to approach, he cries,
Nor scorn their humble name ;
For 'twas to bless such souls as these
The Lord of angels came.

3 He'll lead us to the heav'nly streams,
Where living waters flow ;
And guide us to the fruitful fields,
Where trees of knowledge grow.

4 The feeblest lamb amidst the flock,
Shall be its Shepherd's care ;
While folded in the Saviour's arms,
We're safe from ev'ry snare.

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## 41. *Jesus our Shepherd.* L. M.

1 Our shepherd, Jesus, kindly gave
His precious life, the flock to save :
Oh may we hear and know his voice
And in his love alone rejoice !

2 Oh, Lord, our Shepherd, deign to keep
Thy little lambs, thy feeble sheep ;

And when our feet would go astray,
Uphold and guide us in thy way.

3 When faint, and trembling with alarms,
O gather us within thine arms ;
Kind Shepherd, on thy gracious breast
The weakest lamb may safely rest.

4 Lead us to pastures green and fair,
And bless our earthly shepherd's care ;
Here may thy gentle waters roll,
To cheer, and save, the fainting soul.

5 Thus blest, though we should walk the vale
Where death's deep shadows will prevail,
We shall our Heaveniy Shepherd see,
His rod and staff our comfort be.

6 O let thy goodness, and our praise,
Fill up, while here, our fading days ;
And when we die, take us above,
To thy own fold,—thy heav'n of love.

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**12.** *Christ's example of Humility.* 8. 7. (III. 3.)

1 Father, God of all compassion,
We, thy sinful children, come
Seeking Christ as our salvation,
Trusting in his Name alone.

2 O how great that love toward us,
Which sent down thy only Son
Life and pardon to afford us,
And for all our sins t' atone !

3 He, who was our great Creator,
Left his dwelling-place on high,
Took upon himself our nature,
Came, upon the cross to die!

4 But his great humiliation
Our example ought to be;
And from his meek resignation
We should learn humility.

5 Lord, bestow thy grace upon us,
That we may like him be meek:
Put away impatience from us;
Let us his salvation seek.

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## 43. *The good guidance of God*

1 Happy he whom God directeth
By his all-unerring skill;
Whom his mighty arm protecteth
Safe amidst surrounding ill.

2 Blest, beyond all earthly blessing,
Is the child whose tender youth,
In the Lord a guide possessing,
Walks in paths of light and truth.

3 He will govern those who love him:
Those who walk in faith and fear,
In all danger still shall prove him
Gracious, kind, and ever near.

4 Heavenly Father, let us prove thee
An all-wise protecting Friend!
Make us fear thee, make us love thee,
Constant, to our latest end!

## 44. *The shortness of Life* C. M.

1 Our life is never at a stand,
'Tis like a fading flower,
Death, which is always near at hand,
Comes nearer every hour.

2 And those who now are young and gay,
Like roses in their bloom,
Will very soon be old and gray,
And wither in the tomb.

3 How often has the bell been toll'd—
The funeral mov'd along!
'Twas for the young as well as old,
The healthy and the strong.

4 For now man's life doth seldom last
To threescore years and ten;
And e'en that time will soon be past,
If we should live till then.

5 O let us all prepare to die,
Since death is near and sure;
And then it will not signify
If we were rich or poor.

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## 45. *On the death of a schoolfellow.* C. M

1 Death has been here, and borne away
*A sister* from our side,
Just in the morning of *her** day,
As young as we, *she* died.

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* In this, and all similar hymns, *he* or *she* may be introduced by the teacher, to suit the occasion.

2 Not long ago *she* fill'd *her* place,
And stood with us to learn;
But *she* has run *her* mortal race,
And never can return.

3 Perhaps our time may be as short,
Our days may fly as fast;
O Lord impress the solemn thought,
That this may be our last!

4 May each attend with willing feet
The means of knowledge here,
And wait around thy mercy-seat
With hope as well as fear.

5 All needful strength is thine to give,
To thee our souls apply,
For grace to teach us how to live,
Or make us fit to die.

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## 46. *Glory to God.* (III. 1.)

1 Glory to the Father give,
God in whom we move and live;
Children's prayers he deigns to hear,
Children's songs delight his ear.

2 Glory to the Son we bring,
Christ our Prophet, Priest, and King.
Children, raise your sweetest strain
To the Lamb, for he was slain.

3 Glory to the Holy Ghost;
He reclaims the sinner lost;
Children's minds may he inspire,
Touch their tongues with holy fire.

4 Glory in the highest be
To the blessed Trinity,
For the Gospel from above,
For the word that "God is love."

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## 47. *Opening School.* L. M.

1 Assembled in our school once more,
O Lord, thy blessing we implore;
We meet to read, and sing, and pray,
Be with us then through this thy day.

2 Our fervent prayer to thee ascends,
For parents, teachers, foes, and friends;
And when we in thy house appear,
Help us to worship in thy fear.

3 When we on earth shall meet no more,
May we above to glory soar;
And praise thee in more lofty strains,
Where one eternal Sabbath reigns.

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## 48. *Closing School.* 7s (III. 1.)

1 For a season call'd to part,
Let us now ourselves commend
To the gracious eye and heart
Of our ever-present Friend.

2 Jesus, hear our humble pray'r,
Tender Shepherd of thy sheep,
Let thy mercy, and thy care,
All our souls in safety keep.

3 What we each have now been taught,
Let our memories retain;

May we, if we live, be brought
Here to meet in peace again.

4 Then, if thou instruction bless,
Songs of praises shall be giv'n;
We'll our thankfulness express,
Here on earth, and when in heav'n.

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**49.** *Before public worship.* S. M.

1 Lord, fix our wand'ring thoughts,
Thy sacred word to hear,
With deep attention and with love,
With rev'rence and with fear.

2 Let us remember still,
That God is present there,
And let our hearts be all engag d,
When we draw near in pray'r.

3 And when the humble notes
Of praise our lips employ,
Give us to taste the sweet delight
Which saints in bliss enjoy.

4 O! may thy sacred Word
Sink deep in ev'ry breast,
And let us all by grace be brought
To Christ, the promis'd rest!

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**50.** *Dismission.* 8, 7. (III. 3.)

1 Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing,
Fill our hearts with joy and peace;
Let us each, thy love possessing,
Triumph in redeeming grace.

2 Thanks we give, and adoration,
For the Gospel's joyful sound;
May the fruits of thy salvation
In our hearts and lives abound!

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**51.** *Dismission, before going to church.* S M.

1 We now from School depart,
Grace in God's house to seek;
Be present, Lord, with every heart,
There, and throughout the week.

2 May Father, Spirit, Son,
Rule us in peace and love;
And when on earth thy will is done,
Receive our souls above.

## PART III.

### FOR USE AT SUNDAY SCHOOL

### ANNIVERSARIES;

**52.** *To be sung by the whole congregation.* C. M.

1 Mercy, descending from above,
In softest accents pleads;
O may each tender bosom move,
When mercy intercedes!

2 Children our kind protection claim,
And God will well approve,

When infants learn to lisp his name,
And their Creator love.

3 Delightful work! young souls to win,
And turn the rising race
From the deceitful paths of sin,
To seek their Saviour's face.

4 Almighty God! thine influence shed
To aid this blest design;
The honour of thy name be spread,
And all the glory thine.

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**53.** *To be sung by the children and congregation.*
(II. 4.)

*Children.*

1 Come let our voices join,
In one glad song of praise;
To God, the God of love,
Our grateful hearts we raise:

*Congregation.*

To God alone your praise belongs;
His love demands your earliest songs.

*Children.*

2 Now we are taught to read
The book of life divine;
Where our Redeemer's love,
And brightest glories shine:

*Congregation.*

To God alone the praise is due,
Who sends his word to us and you.

*Children.*

3 Within these hallow'd walls
Our wand'ring feet are brought;
Where pray'r and praise ascend,
And heavenly truths are taught:

*Congregation.*

To God alone your off'rings bring;
Here in his church his praises sing.

*Children.*

4 For blessings such as these,
Our gratitude receive;
Lord, here accept our hearts,
'Tis all that we can give:

*Congregation.*

Great God, accept their infant songs;
To thee alone their praise belongs.

*Both.*

5 Lord, bid this work of love
Be crown'd with meet success;
May thousands yet unborn,
This institution bless:
Thus shall the praise resound to thee,
Now, and through all eternity.

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**54.** *Teachers' prayer for their charge.*
8, 7, 8, 7, 4, 7. (III. 5.)

1 Thou, who didst with love and blessing
Gather Zion's babes to thee,

Still, a Saviour's love expressing,
These, the babes of Zion, see;
Bless the labours,
That would bring them up for thee.

2 Smile upon the weak endeavour,
Vain, if thou thy smile deny;
Lo! they rise,—to live for ever!
Train, oh! train them, for the sky.
Ne'er may Satan
Plunder Zion's nursery

3 Let no self-applauding feeling,—
Nought of praise from mortals won,
O'er the heart infectious stealing,
Poison what our hands have done.
Raise the motives,
Sink the pride, of every one.

4 Love to thee, and pure affection
For the lambs that need a fold,
These should give our zeal direction,
And prevent its growing cold;
Or support us,
E'en if blessing thou withhold.

5 Yet, with humble fervour bending,
We that blessing would entreat:
On the youthful heart descending,
Make the toils of learning sweet:
Still to Zion,
Guide the young disciples' feet.

6 Then, when long we both have slumber'd,
Side by side, in common dust,

With thy ransom'd people number'd,
With th' assembly of the just,
Child and Teacher,
Saviour! own our humble trust.

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**55.** *Praise from the Creation.* S. M.

1 Spared to another Spring,
We raise our grateful songs;
'Tis pleasant, Lord, thy praise to sing,
For praise to thee belongs.

2 Ten thousand different flowers
To thee sweet offerings bear;
And cheerful birds, in shady bowers,
Sing forth thy tender care.

3 The fields on every side,
The trees on every hill,
The glorious sun, the rolling tide,
Proclaim thy wondrous skill.

4 But trees, and fields, and skies,
Still praise a God unknown;
For, gratitude and love can rise
From living hearts, alone.

5 These living hearts of ours
Thy holy name would bless;—
The blossom of ten thousand flowers
Would please the Saviour less!

6 While earth itself decays
Our souls can never die;
O tune them all to sing thy praise,
In better songs on high.

**56.** *The fulness and the grace of Christ.* C. M

1 Jesus, to many or to few,
Thy bounty is the same,
Thou kindly blessest one or two,
Assembled in thy name.

2 The child who seeks thy face alone,
Where not an eye can see,
Is certain that its humble groan
Is heard in heaven by Thee.

3 And here, when thousands at thy feet
A blessing still would share,
Thy mercy, boundless and complete,
Can answer every prayer.

4 Here then, a thousand lips would pray,
A thousand voices praise,
O Saviour, bless this happy day,
And hear the songs we raise.

5 We thank thee for thy pard'ning word
That in thy gospel shines,
And more than all, that *we* have heard,
And learn the heavenly lines.

6 For this, united thanks we bring,
For this our hymns arise,
And 'tis for this we hope to sing
Hosanna, in the skies.

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**57.** *Life uncertain.*

1 Lord, we are spared again to meet
On this rejoicing day!

To bow before thy mercy-seat,
To praise 'Thee, and to pray.

2 Many, since last we gathered here,
Have passed away like flowers;—
Perhaps,—before another year,
Their dwelling may be ours!

3 To Jesus every eye we raise,
On Him for mercy rest;
Young children, in his mortal days,
He folded to his breast;

4 Young children, at his Father's side,
He still with pity views,
And, pleading that for such He died,
Their sinful hearts renews.

5 Lord, to thine open arms we fly,
And seek our safety there;
Then shall we have no fear to die,
If Thou our hearts prepare.

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**58.** *Thanks for instruction.* C. M

1 Great God, before thy sacred throne,
A youthful tribe draws near;
To praise thee, for thy mercies shown
Through every passing year.

2 'Tis thine indulgent care prolongs
Our transitory days;
And, in return, demands our songs
Of gratitude and praise.

3 What numbers of our helpless race
Are left to run astray;

While we are brought to seek thy face,
And shown the narrow way.

4 When time with us shall be no more,
O may we meet above,
To sing, on heaven's eternal shore,
Thy kind redeeming love.

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**59.** *Praise the best return.* C. M

1 On this auspicious, happy day,
What incense shall we bring?
What grateful, humble homage pay
To our Almighty King?

2 Be his dread name on earth confess'd
As 'tis by them above;
What is th' employment of the blest
But songs of praise and love?

4 That breath which we from heav'n receive
We thus in hymns restore;
And, while we on his bounty live
We wonder and adore.

3 May heart, and voice, and life combine
His goodness to express;
May all that hear us with us join,
And our Redeemer bless.

# PART IV.

## FOR THE USE OF SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS.

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### 60. *For meetings of Teachers.* L. M.

1 How bless'd the sacred tie that binds,
In union sweet, according minds!
How swift the heavenly course they run,
Whose hearts, whose faith, whose hopes are one!

2 To each, the soul of each how dear!
What jealous love! what holy fear!
How doth the generous flame within
Refine from earth, and cleanse from sin!

3 Their streaming eyes together flow
For human guilt and mortal wo;
Their ardent prayers together rise,
Like mingling flames in sacrifice.

4 Nor shall the glowing flame expire
When nature droops her sickening fire;
They'll meet again in realms above,
A heaven of joy, because of love.

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### 61. *Prayer for grace.* C. M.

1 Before thy throne, O God, we bow,
And breathe our humble pray'r;
Oh! may our waiting spirits now,
Thy promis'd presence share!

2 We ask the influence of thy truth,
To sanctify each heart,
That rightly to the hopeful youth
We may thy word impart.

3 In vain we point the tender mind
To Jesu's pard'ning blood,
If we are unrenew'd and blind,
And wand'ring far from God.

4 Oh! let us feel thy power divine,
And taste forgiving grace;
Then on our feeble efforts shine,
And bless the rising race.

5 Richly may we and they enjoy
Thy friendship from above;
And all our energies employ
To celebrate thy love.

6 Thus may our lips proclaim thy praise,
Till Sunday Schools shall cease;
Then rise to utter tuneful lays,
In everlasting peace.

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## 62. *Teacher's Prayer.* C. M.

1 Almighty Father! God of love!
Our supplications hear,
Attend in mercy from above,
To our united prayer.

2 For blessings on the rising race,
We bow before thy throne;
May the rich influence of thy grace,
Our feeble efforts own.

3 More of thy grace may teachers know;
Thy Spirit's aid impart:
With patience, love and zeal bestow,
To stimulate each heart.

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**63.** *Prayer for blessings on Sunday Schools.* L. M.

1 Childhood and youth, how vain they seem!
Their beauty passing like a dream,
And, soon or late, the loveliest bloom
Destined to wither to the tomb?

2 Yet in our charge with hope we trace
The features of a future race,
And, in these young immortals, see
The germ of churches yet to be.

3 God of the Church, which must remain
While generations wax and wane,
For this we toil,—O deign to bless
The humble effort with success

4 In *every heart*, Eternal King,
Up-raise the purifying spring.
And let thy gracious Spirit rest,
Th' indwelling Lord of *every* breast.

5 Hence, fill thy courts with songs of praise,
Hence, ministers and peoples raise,
And hence, supply the failing bands
That bear thy word to heathen lands.

6 We plead thy promise, sovereign Lord,
While thus we pray with one accord:
E'en as thy promise let it be,
For *touching this, we all agree.*

## 64. *The Tide of Time. For New-Year.* L. M

1 So speed the years!—no stable ground
For mortal foot can here be found;
A shifting sand, a hastening wave,
Our firmest rest above the grave!

2 Since last we stood united here,
On thus has passed another year;
Life, duty, sin, delight, and wo,
Whelmed in its everlasting flow!

3 And thus, while yet the song ascends,
Another year still onward tends;
With cheerful spirit let us brave
The onset of the coming wave.

4 That which our hearts design to do,
With holy energy pursue,
And labour midst the surge to raise
A pillar to our Saviour's praise.

5 These lively stones, with watchful care,
We for the building would prepare,
And, to the sure foundation, bring
Th' imperishable offering.

6 Then, let the current swiftly glide,
Our hopes shall tower above the tide,
For, firm as Zion's mountain, stands
The humblest work of christian hands.

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## 65. *Resolution to persevere.* C. M.

1 Awake, my soul, stretch every nerve,
And press with vigour on,

A heavenly race demands thy zeal,
And an immortal crown.

2 A cloud of witnesses around,
Hold thee in full survey;
Forget the steps already trod,
And onward urge thy way.

3 'Tis God's all animating voice
That calls thee from on high;
'Tis his own hand presents the prize
To thine uplifted eye.

4 Then wake, my soul, stretch every nerve,
And press with vigour on,
A heavenly race demands thy zeal,
And an immortal crown.

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**66.** *Reliance on Divine Assistance.* S. M

1 Heirs of unending life,
While yet we sojourn here,
O let us our salvation work
With trembling and with fear.

2 God will support our hearts
With might before unknown;
The work to be perform'd is ours,
The strength is all his own

3 'Tis he that works to will,
'Tis he that works to do;
His is the power by which we act,
His be the glory too!

## 67. *The coming of Christ.* C. M.

1 Hark the glad sound, the Saviour comes.
The Saviour promis'd long!
Let every heart prepare a throne,
And every voice a song.

2 On him the Spirit, largely pour'd,
Exerts his sacred fire;
Wisdom and might, and zeal and love
His holy breast inspire.

3 He comes, the pris'ners to release,
In Satan's bondage held,
The gates of brass before him burst.
The iron fetters yield.

4 He comes, from thickest films of vice
To clear the mental ray;
And on the eyes oppress'd with night,
To pour celestial day.

5 He comes, the broken heart to bind,
The bleeding soul to cure,
And with the treasures of his grace,
T' enrich the humble poor.

6 Our glad *Hosannas*, Prince of peace,
Thy welcome shall proclaim;
And heaven's eternal arches ring
With thy beloved name.

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C. M.

To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
The God whom we adore,
Be glory, as it was, is now,
And shall be evermore.

L. M.

To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
The God whom earth and heaven adore,
Be glory, as it was of old,
Is now, and shall be evermore.

S. M.

To God the Father, Son,
And Spirit, glory be,
As 'twas, and is, and shall be so,
To all eternity.

II. 2.

To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
The God whom heaven's triumphant host,
And suff'ring saints on earth adore;
Be glory, as in ages past,
As now it is, and so shall last
When time itself shall be no more.

II. 4.

To God the Father, Son,
And Spirit, ever bless'd,
Eternal Three in One,
All worship be address'd;
As heretofore
It was, is now,
And shall be so
For evermore.

III. 1.

Holy Father, Holy Son,
Holy Spirit, Three in One,
Glory, as of old, to thee,
Now, and evermore shall be!

III. 3.

Praise the Father, earth and heaven,
Praise the Son, the Spirit praise,
As it was, and is, be given
Glory through eternal days.

III. 5.

Great Jehovah! we adore thee,
God the Father, God the Son,
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